

HOUSE BILL 3556

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to court appointed
special advocates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-149, is amended by adding the following to subsection (b) as a new subdivision:

(4) If the court appoints a special advocate, the court may also order the special advocate to attend meetings that the guardian ad litem is unable to attend. Such meetings shall include but not be limited to meetings with the department concerning the child's care or meetings with the child's school. Nothing in this subdivision (b)(4) shall be construed as altering, amending or otherwise affecting the duties of a guardian ad litem as specified by the court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.